



REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOREIGN STUDENTS

According to the Article 55 paragraph 1 of the Act for the Organization and Operation of the State Administration ("Official Gazette" br.58/00, 44/02, 82/08, 167/10 and 51/11), Article 49 of the Law on students standard ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" no. 15/13, 30/13 and 120/13) and Article 1 of the Rulebook on awarding scholarship for foreign students from nationalities which are of interest to the Republic of Macedonia ("Official Gazette" br.78/13), the Ministry of Education and Science of The Republic of Macedonia announces this Call for Applications for full undergraduate scholarships, for the academic 2014/2015, at the University of Information Science and Technology "St Paul the Apostle" in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia (www.uist.edu.mk)

The scholarships are available to outstanding students, not older than 22 years old who wish to pursue undergraduate studies in one of the following programmes:

- (1) Faculty of Communication Networks and Security (CNS);
- (2) Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE);
- (3) Faculty of Information Systems, Visualization, Multimedia and Animation (ISVMA);
- (4) Faculty of Information and Communication Science (ICS)
- (5) Study Program of Digital Business Informatics (DBI)
- (6) Faculty of Applied IT, Machine Intelligence and Robotics (AITMIR) and
- (7) Study Program of E-Government, E-Business and E-Culture.

One full scholarship will be awarded to a candidate from each of the eligible countries: Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Barbados, 10 scholarships for Brazil, Cameroon, People's Republic of China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, 10 scholarships for Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, India, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lithuania, Malaysia, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Slovakia, United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Nigeria, Vietnam, Zambia and 15 scholarships for the Organization of American States.

The scholarship provides for:

- full tuition fees;
- visa and residence permit fees
- return air fare from the applicant's home country;
- accommodation and food (full board) at the University's dorm "Nikola Karev" in Ohrid, the Republic of Macedonia;
- a monthly allowance of 5,000 MKD (approximately 82 EUR);

The deadline for submission of applications is August 1, 2014

Application procedure

All prospective students should note that the application process will be open until 01.08.2014. Candidates are required to submit an online application, which will be available on the official scholarship web site of the Ministry of Education and Science, www.stipendij.mon.gov.mk and www.mon.gov.mk from 01.02.2014 or submitted in hard copy, or electronically, to the respective Ministry of Education of the applicant's home country. All students must send scanned copies of the required documents and the Application form to the following e-mail: biljana.zafirovska@mon.gov.mk

Required documents

To complete the application, the candidates are required to provide electronic copies from the following original documents:

- Application Form
- Official high school diploma or certificate (where applicable);
- Official transcripts;
- Proof of English proficiency. All students whose first language is not English are required to provide evidence that their spoken and written command of the English language is appropriate for the programme they are applying.

The required evidence may take the form of either:

1. Substantial education (minimum 15 months) conducted in English and undertaken no more than two years prior to the date of enrolment
2. Acceptable English language qualification or test result. The qualification or test results must have been awarded no more than two years prior to the proposed date of enrolment.

Accepted results are:

- Grade C or better in English Language at GCSE / GCEO
- Grade C or better in English First Language at IGCSE
- Grade B or better in English Second Language at IGCSE
- An overall band of 6.5 or better in IELTS
- A score of 550 or better in the paper-based TOEFL (213 for computer-based, 80 for internet-based)
- Subscores of 550 or better in Critical Reading and 550 or better in Writing in SAT
- Grade 4 or better in the Higher Level English Language (B Syllabus); or grade 5 or better in the Standard Level English Language (B Syllabus); or grade 4 or better in the Higher or Standard Level English Language (A1 or A2 Syllabus); or grade 4 or better in the Standard Level English - Text and Performance; or grade 4 or better in the Standard Level English - Literature and Performance (A1 syllabus) at International Baccalaureate

- Official document certifying the candidate has no criminal convictions and is not under criminal investigation at the moment of application. Candidates should note that with the exception to some countries, these are two separate documents;
- Official general medical report, including medical tests for HIV and Hepatitis C;
- An electronic copy of the Passport which must be valid for the next 4 calendar years;
- In addition, as part of the application, the candidates are required to submit contact details from two academic professors/teachers, who will provide letters of recommendation for the candidate. The candidates are advised to notify the professors ahead of time, in order for the references to be submitted within the application deadline. Both letters are confidential. In

case they are sent as hard copy documents, they must be sent in a sealed envelope, signed by the originator of the reference across the seal.

All submitted documents must be in English or certified translations in English.

Candidates should submit their application together with all supporting documents to the following address:

Ministry for Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia
Saints Cyril and Methodius Street, No.54
1000 Skopje
Republic of Macedonia

Additional information:

- Applicants who have not completed their high school education by April 1, 2014 may receive a conditional offer for admission pending their high school diploma. Successful applicants must finalise their high school studies and submit their transcript and diploma no later than August 1, 2014;
- The selection process will be implemented by a five-member committee appointed by the Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia;
- Successful applicants will sign a contract with the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia. The contract will stipulate that the scholarship provides funds for the first academic year and subsequently for the rest of the three years of the undergraduate studies, provided that the student ends the first year of studies with satisfactory success rate;
- The students are encouraged to return to their home country after the completion of their studies;
- Official language of the programmes is English and courses are held by distinguished local and international lecturers;
- Programme Outline and Course Overview are included in the annexes of this Call and are available on the website of the University of Information Science and Technology "St Paul the Apostle": <http://www.uist.edu.mk/faculties.htm>;
- Additional information regarding the University and the programmes is available on the website of the University of Information Science and Technology "Saint Paul the Apostle": <http://www.uist.edu.mk>;
- General information about the City of Ohrid, the UNSECO protected city that hosts the University can be found at: <http://www.exploringmacedonia.com>, www.ohrid.com.mk, www.ohrid.gov.mk

Contact

For all additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Biljana Zafirovska, phone: +389 2 3227 761 and e-mail: biljana.zafirovska@mon.gov.mk



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The scholarships are available to outstanding students, not older than 28 years, from Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, 5 scholarships for Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroun, People's Republic of China, Chad, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, 10 scholarships for Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, India, Iraq, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Slovakia, Syria, Republic of Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Nigeria and Vietnam.

As eligible for the scholarship shall be considered candidates who:

1. Are currently enrolled in the final 4th year of secondary education or who possess a 4-year secondary education (high school) degree;
2. Have a return airplane ticket from/to the applicant's home country;
3. Are not older than 30 years of age;
4. Have a good knowledge of the English language.

The scholarship provides for:

- tuition fees, in full;
- visa and residence permit fees
- return air fare from the applicant's home country;
- accommodation and food (full board) in the University dorms;
- additional monthly allowance of 5000 MKD (approximately 120 USD);
- Free intensive course for learning Macedonian.

All interested candidates should refer to www.stipendij.mon.gov.mk and www.mon.gov.mk for more detailed information regarding the scholarships and the process for application.

The final deadline for application is 01.08.2014.

Documents to be submitted

Candidates are required to provide certified copies from the following original documents:

- Application Form
- Official high school diploma or certificate (where available);
- Official transcripts;
- Proof of English proficiency. All students whose first language is not English are required to provide evidence that their spoken and written command of the English language is appropriate.
- Official document certifying the candidate has no criminal convictions and is not under criminal investigation at the moment of application. Candidates should note that with the exception to some countries, these are two separate documents;
- Official general medical report, including medical tests for HIV and Hepatitis C;
- An electronic copy of the Passport which must be valid for the next 5 calendar years;
- In addition, as part of the application candidates are required to submit two letters of recommendation from two academic professors/teachers who are well acquainted with the candidate's academic abilities.

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All prospective candidates should note that in addition to sending the official copies of all required documents via post, they must also send scanned copies of the required documents to the following e-mail: biljana.zafirovska@mon.gov.mk.

Macedonian language course

Successful candidates will spend a semester (during the summer period) intensively studying the Macedonian language, in order to prepare themselves for a successful start of the academic year, which starts in the fall of 2014.

Additional information

- Applicants who have not completed their high school education by May 1, 2014 may receive a conditional offer for admission pending their high school diploma. Successful applicants must finalise their high school studies and submit their transcript and diploma no later than **August 1, 2014**;
- The selection process will be implemented by a five-member committee appointed by the Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia;
- Successful applicants will sign a contract with the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia. The contract will stipulate that the scholarship provides funds for the first academic year and subsequently for the rest of the two/three years of the undergraduate studies, provided that the student ends the first year of studies with satisfactory success rate;
- Additional information regarding the Universities and the programmes available in Macedonia can be found on the websites of the Universities:
 - University St. Cyril and Methodius - Skopje: http://www.ukim.edu.mk/en_index.php
 - University St. Kliment Ohridski - Bitola: <http://www.uklo.edu.mk>
 - University Goce Delcev - Shtip: <http://www.ugd.edu.mk/index.php/en/>

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